

BACCALAUREATE SERMONS.

PRESIDENT SELVEE AT AMHERST.

THE DUTY OF THE EDUCATED CHRISTIAN IN RESPECT TO THE PROBLEM OF SOCIETY.

AMHERST, June 29.—The baccalaureate sermon of President Seelvee of Amherst College was preached from the text, Luke ix., 28 to 37. He concluded with an address to the members of the senior class, in the course of which he said: "There is one question of our time, toward which all other questions, whether of nature, of man or of God, steadily tend. The social question, the great problem of society, no one of you can ignore, for whether you would choose to consider it or not, it already has a prominence, also rapidly increasing which makes its consideration a necessity irrespective of your choice. I do not mean that in any previous period of history have the relations of man and society, or the proper conduct of one human being been toward every other human being so much as now. We are, indeed, making some headway; but, if we succeed in his object, if the American Church founded nearly half a century ago by American Methodists, who were 40,000 of the Armenians missionaries, should be 40,000 of the Armenians missionaries, then the Armenians, like the Americans, and the others were increasing. They followed the example of Christ, and sent young men in pairs to the villages, and during that time the members had increased to 600, and small branch communities had been established in the villages around Ararat. But

they never yet had possessed the means to build a church, and living under Turkish misrule, unless they thickened around them, so that without money they never could get it. It cost him 10,000 miles to beg for assistance. He longed to go back to his own people and continue the work of the gospel. But he never could go back unless he succeeded in his object. If the American Church had helped him quickly, he would return quickly, and then he could have raised the money he had to force to make a longer stay.

MISBISH HATHETHLY'S GREEK SERVICE.

REPORTS TO RE-ESTABLISH THE GREEK CHURCH—AN IMPROVISED ALTAR.

Bishop Hathethly, chief priest of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, has been in the city about two weeks on a visit. Having offered his services to the few Greeks who live in New-York, a movement has been started which will probably lead to the re-establishment of the Greek Church, which at one time existed here. The majority of the Greeks in the city are in humble circumstances, but there are a few wealthy families, and they are taking a deep interest in the movement. A service was held yesterday in the lecture-room of St. John's Chapel, in Vanickat, at which Bishop Hathethly officiated.

The chancel and altar were improvised, the interior being the small room used in the chapel. Immediately in front of this altar was suspended a red curtain, the lower corners of which were tucked up as high as the priest's waist. At each side was a table, on which was placed a candle supporting a brass candlestick. The picture of Christ occupied the chair at the right, and one of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus stood in that at the left. The priest appeared in a black silk gown and black cap of peculiar shape, and his long hair was done up in a knot at the top of his head. After going through some preliminaries he removed the black gown and exposed one of brown silk. Unfolding a bundle that lay upon the altar he displayed a white robe, trimmed with gold fringe. He put this on, and hung at his side a handsomely embroidered square of cloth representing his degree, with silver squares and crosses, and retiring to his dressing-room he reappeared with his long hair streaming over his shoulders. Two young men assisted him in his offices and chanted from the Greek, while D. Botas, the Greek Consul-General, acted as chief reader.

During the celebration of the High Mass the priest stood at a side-table and cast the bread for the sacrament. Immediately the priest kissed the cross and bowed, and turned to the people, who responded with a Amen. Then the priest, and the anarchist who sat first on the right, exchanged a few words, and the priest was received into the communion of the church. The baptismal rite was then performed, and the baptismal name given. The baptismal name was chosen by the parents, and the priest recited the baptismal formula.

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